

52.0742B

776

2

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

Mont Vernon, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 31, 1921

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

Selectmen, Treasurer and other
Town Officers

—OF—

Mont Vernon, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 31, 1921

Also Statistics for the Year Ending
December 31, 1920

MILFORD, N. H.
CABINET PRINT
1921

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

CHARLES H. RAYMOND WILLIAM H. KENDALL
GEORGE C. HADLEY

Town Treasurer

ARTHUR P. TEMPLE

Town Clerk

HARRY G. BLOOD

Tax Collector

GEORGE W. COGGIN

Overseer of Poor

CHARLES H. RAYMOND

Chief of Police

DANIEL ALEXANDER

Trustees of Trust Funds

WILLIAM H. KENDALL GEORGE C. HADLEY
A. F. STEARNS

Auditors

N. F. HOOPER GEORGE F. AVERILL

Warrant for Annual Meeting

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mont Vernon in the County of Hillsboro in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs. You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said town of Mont Vernon on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the year ensuing.
3. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the maintenance of State Highway.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for the Library, or act in relation thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50 to be expended on the park.
6. To bring in your ballots upon each of the questions submitted by the convention to revise the constitution at a session held on Jan. 28, 1921.
7. To transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

CHARLES H. RAYMOND,
W. H. KENDALL,
GEORGE C. HADLEY,
Selectmen of Mont Vernon.

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash in hands Town Treasurer	\$1,166 93	
Taxes not collected, levy 1920	1,250 42	
	<hr/>	\$2,417 35
Due from State:		
State aid maintenance	335 20	
Bounties on hedgehogs	3 60	
	<hr/>	\$338 80
Total assets		<hr/> \$2,756 15
Excess of liabilities over assets		311 35
		<hr/>
Grand total		\$3,067 50

Liabilities

Unpaid balances set aside for special purposes:

Due Schools:

Dog licenses	65 50	
From town	152 00	
	<hr/>	\$217 50

Notes Outstanding:

C. H. Raymond	1,700 00	
Jane Kittredge	350 00	
J. F. Perham	100 00	
M. B. Raymond	200 00	
M. H. Raymond	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$285 00

Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$3,067 50
-------------------	------------------

Town of Mont Vernon, N. H.

RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue from Local Taxes:

Property and poll taxes	\$12,574 67	
From previous year	1045 29	
Interest on taxes 1919	19 86	
Interest on taxes, 1920	3 63	
	<hr/>	\$13,643 45

From State:

Railroad tax	\$141 93	
Savings bank tax	421 27	
	<hr/>	\$563 20
State Aid Maintenance	\$504 91	
Rebate from L. E. Brown, forest fires	24 10	
Bounties on hedgehogs	2 20	
	<hr/>	\$531 21

From Local Sources:

Dog licenses	\$ 65 50	
Pedlers' licenses	10 00	
Rent town hall	103 00	
Town history sold	2 50	
Automobile licenses	500 05	
Abatement of taxes	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$714 05

Lots sold in cemetery	30 00	
Duplicate orders	30 00	
Taxes redeemed	17 79	
	<hr/>	\$77 79

Receipts other than Current Revenue:

Temp. loan in anticipation of taxes	\$2600 00	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	\$727 17	

Grand Total	<hr/>	\$18,856 87
-------------	-------	-------------

PAYMENTS**Year Ending Jan 31, 1921****PAYMENTS****Current Maintenance Expenses:****General Government:**

Salaries of town officers	\$458 20	
Expenses of town officers	9 24	
Election expenses	58 00	
Care and supplies town hall	146 55	
	<hr/>	\$671 99

Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire department	\$45 60	
Forest fires	31 45	
	<hr/>	\$77 05
Bounties		3 60

Health and Sanitation:

Vital Statistics		\$2 85
------------------	--	--------

Highways and Bridges:

Town maintenance	\$1411 24	
Snow bills	2189 22	
Sidewalks	125 25	
State and town joint account	848 85	
Street lighting	464 38	
Watering tubs	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$5044 94

Education:

Libraries		\$200 00
-----------	--	----------

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day		\$28 12
--------------	--	---------

Recreation:

Park		\$50 00
------	--	---------

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	\$127 50	
Taxes bought by town	17 57	
Abatements	33 00	
	<hr/>	\$178 07

PAYMENTS**Year Ending Jan 31, 1921**

Interest:

Paid on temporary loan	\$ 91 10	
Long term notes	142 70	
	<hr/>	\$233 80

Indebtedness:

Payment on Principal of debt		\$3640 00
------------------------------	--	-----------

Payments to Other Gov. Divisions:

\$2 per poll to state	\$164 00	
State tax	1955 00	
County tax	972 81	
Payments to school District	4100 00	
Tuitions to Stearns school	73 33	
	<hr/>	\$7265 14

Miscellaneous:

E. C. Eastman, books	\$25 35	
Auto permits	15 25	
Insurance on town house	58 00	
Paid for counsel	69 20	
Juror notices	65	
Duplex orders	30 00	
Printing town reports	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$294 45

	\$17,689 94	
Cash on hand	1,166 93	
	<hr/>	\$18,856 87

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Salaries of Town Officers

C. H. Raymond, selectman	\$100 00	
W. H. Kendall, selectman	75 00	
George C. Hadley, selectman	85 00	
H. G. Blood, town clerk	20 00	
A. P. Temple, treasurer	30 00	
George W. Coggin, tax collector	136 20	
N. F. Hooper, auditor	2 00	
C. H. Raymond, overseer of poor	5 00	
Daniel Alexander, police	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$458 20

Election and Registration Expenses

N. F. Hooper, supervisor	\$18 00	
J. M. Gleason, supervisor	20 00	
C. O. Ingalls, supervisor	12 00	
Ballot clerks	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$58 00

Expenses

Use of automobiles	5 00	
Selectmen's postage	2 50	
Treasurer's postage	94	
Town Clerk's postage	80	
E. C. Eastman, collector's and order		
books	3 25	
E. C. Eastman, record books	22 17	
Printing town reports	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$130 66

Care and Supplies for Town Hall

Daniel Alexander, janitor	\$80 50	
Bergami Hardware Co., supplies	8 77	
Temple & Blood, supplies	29 28	
Arthur Hazen, wood	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$146 55

Forest Fires

W. W. Sloan	\$7 35	
J. H. Blood	24 10	
	<hr/>	\$31 45

Fire Department

Salaries	\$38 60	
Painting ladder	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 60

Bounties

Bounties on hedgehogs	\$3 60
-----------------------	--------

Insurance

Insurance	\$58 00
-----------	---------

Vital Statistics

H. G. Blood, reporting births, marriages and deaths	\$2 85
--	--------

Highways

State & town acc't. patrolman	\$848 85	
Paid road agent	1411 24	
Breaking roads Feb, and March	2189 22	
H. Leighton, breaking sidewalks	125 25	
	<hr/>	\$4,574 56

Street Lighting

Lighting streets and town building	\$464 31
------------------------------------	----------

Library

Appropriation	\$200 00
---------------	----------

Memorial Day

Transportation and refreshments	\$28 12
---------------------------------	---------

Public Service Enterprises & Recreation

Appropriation for Park	\$50 00
Care of cemetery and expenses	\$127 50

Interest

Paid on notes:		
C. H. Raymond	\$122 40	
J. F. Perham	4 00	
Jane Kittredge	14 00	
M. B. Raymond	8 00	
M. H. Raymond	55 40	
Souhegan National bank	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$233 80

Payments on Indebtedness

Souhegan Bank note	\$1000 00	
C. H. Raymond	1000 00	
M. H. Raymond	600 00	
Francis Holt note and interest	1040 00	
	<hr/>	\$3640 00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

State tax	\$1955 00	
County tax	972 81	
State \$2 poll tax	164 00	
J. M. Gleason, treas school dist.	4100 00	
Stearns School, tuitions	73 33	
	<hr/>	7265 14

Abatement of Taxes

Mrs. Kennard, overtax	\$13 00	
A. Winn, poll tax	5 00	
Frank Connor, poll tax	5 00	
C. Riley, poll tax	5 00	
Joe Gardner, poll tax	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$33 00

Watering Tubs

D. J. Hutchinson	\$3 00	
R. G. Averill	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$6 00

Counsel Fees

Taggart, Burroughs, Wyman & Starr		
counsel on Brown horse case	\$57 20	
Kittredge & Prescott, horse case	9 00	
George B. French, counsel	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$69 20

Taxes Bought

Jason Stearns	\$17 50
---------------	---------

Miscellaneous

Auto Permits	\$15 25	
Juror notices	65	
Duplicate orders	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 90

GRAND TOTAL	\$17,689 94
Cash on hand Jan 31, 1921	1166 93
	<hr/>
	\$18,856 87

Report of Town Treasurer

TOWN OF MONT VERNON

In Account with A. P. Temple

Dr.

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1920	\$727 17
Received from:	
G.W. Coggin, uncollected taxes 1919	1045 29
Interest collected 1919	19 86
Taxes collected 1920	12,574 67
Interest collected 1920	3 63
Abatements, 1920	33 00
From highway department	504 91
Bounty on hedgehogs	2 20
Automobile taxes	500 05
Note, bank	1000 00
Note, C. H. Raymond	1000 00
Note, M. H. Raymond	600 00
Taxes, C. Roberts place, redeemed	17 79
Lots sold in cemetery	30 00
Dog licenses	65 50
Pedler's license	10 00
History sold	2 50
Duplicate orders issued	30 00
Rent of town hall	103 00
Rebate on forest fires	24 10
Railroad tax	141 93
Savings bank tax	421 27
	<hr/> \$18,856 87

Cr.

By paying selectmen's orders	\$17,689 94
By cash on hand in bank	1,166 93
	<hr/> \$18,856 87

Assets

Cash on hand in bank	\$1166 93	
Uncollected tax, 1920	1250 42	
	<hr/>	\$2417 35

ARTHUR P. TEMPLE
Town Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Uncollected taxes, 1920	\$1250 42	
Cash on hand	1166 93	
	<hr/>	\$2417 35

LIABILITIES

Notes against the town	\$3850 00	
Due the state	493 30	
	<hr/>	\$4343 30
Assets		\$2417 35
		<hr/>
Net Debt		\$1925 95

Report of Tax Collector

Taxes assessed for 1920	\$13,858 09	
Interest for 1920	3 63	
	<hr/>	\$13,861 72
Taxes collected Jan. 31, 1921	\$12,574 67	
Interest collected Jan. 31, 1921	3 63	
Abatements	33 00	
Taxes due Jan. 31, 1921	1250 42	
	<hr/>	\$13,861 72
Taxes due from 1919	\$1045 29	
Interest due	19 86	
	<hr/>	\$1065 15
Taxes collected for 1919	\$1045 29	
Interest collected for 1919	19 86	
	<hr/>	\$1065 15
Total Poll Taxes.....		100
\$5.00 Poll Taxes		95
\$3.00 Poll Taxes		5
\$5.00 Poll Taxes collected Jan. 31, 1921	\$410 00	
\$3.00 Poll Taxes collected Jan. 31, 1921	15 00	
Poll Taxes abated 4	20 00	

GEORGE W. COGGIN
Tax Collector.

Report of Road Agent

Paid:

Wesley Nichols	\$608 62	
George Blanchard	133 26	
May Peterson	45 00	
Ernest Russell	46 80	
W. P. Jenkins	137 89	
Ernest Scott	119 92	
John Corliss	7 80	
Arthur Hazen	36 90	
A. Milne	27 00	
G. Hadley	2 00	
W. Tibbetts	64 57	
John Nichols	64 57	
May Peterson	17 23	
	<hr/>	\$1311 56
Drawn by E. H. Best	\$75 68	
H. Leighton	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$99 68
		<hr/>
		\$1411 24

Breaking Roads, Feb and March, 1920

Theodore Blood	\$38 25
E. Russell	51 20
Arthur Hazen	273 08
J. L. Mason	104 04
A. J. Emery	116 71
N. Hooper	90 94
John E. Corliss	262 24
Holden Crossley	39 35
H. Peterson	16 20
W. E. Russell	22 50

D. Alexander	7 00
West Nichols	163 49
George W. Pike	7 65
C. E. Morse	3 60
J. A. Brown	5 40
J. W. Brown	9 90
Arthur Blood	38 47
Temple & Blood	19 41
G. C. Hadley	5 31
Rufus G. Averill	15 30
Jesse S. Trow	16 65
Robert Mason	17 50
Leonard Trow	25 65
W. P. Wilson	21 15
George L. Tabbutt	26 06
W. P. Jenkins	40 50
Charles Long	27 90
E. H. Best	299 10
L. A. Trow	35 57
Harold Hancock	7 45
Miles Wallace	49 33
E. W. Trow	45 90
J. Horne	9 00
Frank Palmer	7 43
J. G. Carlton	55 00
M. H. Raymond	45 45
C. H. Raymond	33 82
W. L. Robinson	28 35
Harry Smith	9 60

 \$2189 22

Report of Overseer of Poor

Dr.

Received from County

\$68 11

Cr.

Paid Temple & Blood, goods furnished

Jarvis Smith

\$63 11

A. P. Temple, carrying Jarvis Smith

to County Farm

5 00

 \$68 11

CHARLES H. RAYMOND

Overseer of the Poor.

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds

Receipts for Year 1920

Town of Milford serial notes	\$40 00	
Interest on government bonds	10 63	
	<hr/>	\$50 63

Paid Alonzo Winn for care of each lot:

	Amt. Pd.	Bal. due
Harriet Dean lot	\$6 00	\$34 63
Luther Odell lot	5 00	22 42
John Colby lot	6 00	6 05
Misses Kendall lot	4 00	5 23
Reuben Batchelder lot	4 00	5 23
Sarah Holcomb lot	4 00	5 23
Mary E. Baker lot	4 00	05
Stephen Coburn lot	3 00	
John T. Perkins lot	3 00	
Harriet Kittredge lot	3 00	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	42 00	78 84

Care of Lots Exceeding Income

Stephen Coburn lot	\$ 0 85
John T. Perkins lot	35
Harriet Kittredge lot	95
	<hr/>
	\$2 15

Amount of Funds in Hands of Trustees

Harriet Dean	\$300 00
Luther Odell	200 00
John Colby	200 00
Misses Kendall	100 00
Ruben Batchelder	100 00
Sarah Holcomb	100 00
Mary E. Baker	100 00

Stephen Coburn	50 00	
John T. Perkins	50 00	
Harriet Kittredge	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$1250 00

How Invested

Town of Milford serial notes	\$1000 00	
Government bonds	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$1250 00
Granite Savings bank income not expended	\$79 93	
Interest	2 20	
	<hr/>	\$82 13

W. H. KENDALL
 GEORGE C. HADLEY
 ARTHUR F. STEARNS
 Trustees of Trust Funds.

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Paid A. Winn, labor and digging graves	\$127 50
HARRY G. BLOOD	
Treasurer.	

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town of Mont Vernon to Harry G. Blood, Dr.	
Reporting births, marriages and deaths	\$2 85
Postage	80
Memorial Day:	
George Foster	\$18 50
A. W. Remington	5 00
Refreshments	4 62
	<hr/>
Paid J. P. Melzer, juror notices	65
H. G. Blood, clerk	20 00
	<hr/>
	\$52 42

Report of Librarian

The librarian of the Daland Library respectfully submits the following report:

Owing to the severe weather and lack of fuel the library was not opened regularly during February and until the middle of March, 1920, but the record kept of distribution, aside from these months, shows that 3177 books have been taken out, up to February 1921, a large increase in the output.

Gifts have been received of one hundred and twenty five volumes, from the following donors: Mrs. Leslie Boutwell, Mrs. George Auryansen, Mrs. Fannie Murch, Miss May Trevitt, Miss Ellen Crafts, Mr. J. F. Wellington, Mr. Orrin Hubbard, Mr. Arthur Stearns, Mr. W. P. Woods, Mr. John Fox, Mr. J. DeBosque, and Ray Silvernail. We have been most fortunate in having such generous donations. Very few new books have been purchased for the library, as there were no available funds. All of the \$200 appropriated by the town having been used for fuel, the librarian's salary, and other necessary expenses. No magazines could have been provided for 1921 had not the money been furnished by the Daland fund. To this source we are also indebted for the very necessary supplies of catalogue cards, card pockets, and all the various things of this kind which are used constantly, the bills for which have amounted to nearly \$20, besides the magazines. At present the library table furnishes readers with Harper's Monthly, Century, World's Work, Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, and St. Nicholas, while friends provide Asia, the Geographic, and Saturday Evening Post. The children are using the library as never before, some 30 to 40 juvenile books being taken out each time the li-

brary is open. The teachers too come for material to use in their school work, and it is a pleasure to know that the library is really helping in the education of the young people and is fulfilling the purpose for which it stands. Adult fiction is at present so well supplied that it needs no increase besides that it constantly receives from interested friends, but the juvenile section is still very inadequate. Some 25 books were given during the past year, but the most of the volumes are old and constantly wearing out beyond possible repair. Something must be done if the interest shown by the children is to be sustained. There is a desperate need of "books and books and more books," if we are to give the children the help they should have in forming the invaluable habit of reading good literature, and all libraries recognize that the children's department is of the greatest importance.

Five large cases of books have been received from the library of Mr. ^{Glimes}~~Grimes~~ of Somerville, bequeathed by him to the Daland Library, and are waiting for warmer weather and more stack room, when they will be placed on the shelves, and will be a valuable addition to the library and a source of pleasure to its readers.

I close my report with the hope that the present year may be as successful as the past.

GEORGINNA W. FLINT

Librarian.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF TOWN LIBRARY

For the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1921

Dr.

Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1920	\$ 38	
Town appropriation	200 00	
From Daland Fund	19 00	
Cash from fines	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$226 88

Cr.

Cash for books	\$16 99	
Cash for periodicals	19 00	
Librarian's services	100 00	
Wood	76 75	
Supplies	4 78	
Insurance on books	8 25	
Balance on hand	1 11	
	<hr/>	226 88

J. M. GLEASON

Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITORS

We have this day examined the reports of selectmen, town treasurer, tax collector, treasurer of town library, and cemetery trustees, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL F. HOOPER

GEORGE F. AVERILL

Auditors.

Mont Vernon School District

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Board	Term Expires
Arthur F. Stearns, Chairman	1923
George D. Kittredge, Secretary	1921
Emily C. A. Starrett	1922
Harold C. Bales, Milford,	Superintendent of Schools
Jay M. Gleason	District Treasurer
Willard P. Woods	District Clerk
Harry G. Blood	Truant Officer
Oscar Burns, M. D.	School Physician

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1920-1921

September 7, 1920 to December 17, 1920	15 wks.
January 3, 1921 to February 18, 1921	7 wks.
February 28, 1921 to April 15, 1921	7 wks.
April 26, 1921 to June 10, 1921	7 wks.
	—
Total	36 wks.

TENTATIVE FOR 1921-1922

September 6, 1921 to December 16, 1921	15 wks.
January 2, 1922 to February 17, 1922	7 wks.
February 27, 1922 to April 14, 1922	7 wks.
April 24, 1922 to June 9, 1922	7 wks.
	—
Total	36 wks.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Financial Report of Mont Vernon School District
for Fiscal Year, September 1, 1919—August 31, 1920.

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL AS REPORTED BY TREASURER

Balance from previous year		1 97
From State	None	
From Selectmen raised by taxation:		
*June 13, 1919 (advanced)	236 15	
October 12, 1919	500 00	
November 27, 1919	500 00	
January 10, 1920 (\$2 tax)	84 00	
January 31, 1920	500 00	
February 1920	500 00	
March 20, 1920	100 00	
April 30, 1920	500 00	
May 28, 1920	500 00	
July 18, 1920	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,620 15
Total		<hr/> \$3622 12

*These dates are the dates of the Selectmen's orders.

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL

(This statement includes all orders and checks drawn by the School Board and delivered to the District Treasurer and is the account which has been audited.)

Salaries of District Officers:

Arthur F. Stearns, School Board	13 33	
George W. Kittredge, School Board	13 33	
Emily C. A. Starret, School Board	13 34	
Jay M. Gleason, Treasurer	10 00	
	<hr/>	50 00

Superintendent's Salary:

A. W. Smith, balance due	10 42	
A. B. Rotch, Joint Treasurer, account		
Harold Bales	16 67	
	<hr/>	27 09

Truant Officer and School Census:

Harry G. Blood	10 00
----------------	-------

Expenses of Administration:

Harold C. Bales, telephone, carfare,		
postage	2 80	
Milford Cabinet, printing	3 00	
Edson C. Eastman Co., acc'ting forms	29 10	
Jay M. Gleason, postage etc.	90	
A. B. Rotch, account clerk and office		
supplies	35 33	
A. W. Smith, expenses	1 11	
	<hr/>	72 24

Teachers' Salaries:

Louise Barrett, grammar	648 00	
Florence Corliss, Primary	468 00	
Viola Jenkins, East	432 00	
	<hr/>	1548 00

Text Books:

Allyn & Bacon	1 18	
American Book Co.	5 21	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	5 62	
Harold C. Bales	40	
A. S. Barnes Co.	2 32	
Ginn & Co.	10 36	
The Macmillan Co.	15 15	
Chas. E. Merrill Co.	1 14	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	1 88	
	<hr/>	43 26

Scholars' Supplies:

Edward E. Babb & Co.	9 71	
Harold C. Bales	25	
Milton Bradley Co.	7 08	
J. L. Hammett Co.	28 50	
	<hr/>	\$45 54

Janitor Service:

N. B. Carrow (1918-1919)	15 52	
Lura B. Pike (1918-1919)	27 50	
Lura B. Pike (1919-1920)	110 50	
Mrs. G. L. Tabbut	35 00	
Mrs. F. C. Town (1918-1919)	5 00	
	<hr/>	193 52

Fuel:

Mrs. G. L. Tabbut	5 87	
Frank Lamson	117 00	
	<hr/>	122 87

Minor Repairs and Expenses:

Frank Hartshorn Co., lumber	1 54	
George W. Moore, repairs to stove	2 05	
	<hr/>	3 59

Transportation of Pupils:

R. G. Averill (1918-1919)	38 00	
Luvia Blood (1918 1919)	6 00	
Mrs. Norman Horton	200 80	
Mrs. A. Peterson	189 00	
Mrs. Josie Trow	216 00	
	<hr/>	649 80

High School Tuition:

Milford School District	340 00	
Amherst School District	60 00	
	<hr/>	400 00

Elementary School Tuition:

Lyndeboro School District for	
Cecil Richardson	15 00

Insurance:

W. B. Rotch (Ins. expires May 1923)	20 00
-------------------------------------	-------

Alterations of Buildings:

William H. Fox, labor	100 20	
W. F. French, stock	18 36	
Kendall, Hadley & Co., windows	105 00	
David Whiting & Sons, plaster	2 20	
		225 76

New Equipment:

Edward E. Babb & Co., blackb'ds	47 43	
W. H. Kendall, cartage and freight	3 59	
		51 02

Other Charges:

Tax for state-wide supervision	
42 pupils at \$2	84 00
Total	\$3561 69

We have this day examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHANIEL F. HOOPER,

GEORGE F. AVERILL,

Auditors.

February 7, 1921.

SUMMARY

Receipts as above	\$3,622 12
Expenditures as above	3,561 69
	\$60 43

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR—SEPTEMBER 1, 1921-AUGUST 31, 1922.

(as required by Laws 1919, 106:21.)

Amounts required for support of schools:

Teachers' Salaries	\$2,412 00	
Text books	50 00	
Scholars' supplies	75 00	
Flags and appurtenances	5 00	
Other expenses of instruction	5 00	
Janitor service	144 00	
Minor repairs and expenses	25 00	
Fuel	150 00	
Water, light and janitors' supplies	10 00	
Medical Inspection	40 00	
Transportation of pupils	1,475 00	
		<hr/>
		\$4,391 00

Estimate of \$3.50 tax \$1,767 50

Estimate of \$5.00 tax \$2,525 00

Amount necessary to be raised for support
of elementary schools—amt. of \$5 tax

\$2,525 00

Maximum Amount to be expected from state \$1,866 00

Amounts required for payment of statutory obligations:

Salaries of School Board	\$ 50 00	
Salaries of Truant Officer	10 00	
Salary of Treasurer	10 00	
\$2 per capita tax (estimated)	100 00	
High School tuitions (estimated)	440 00	
		<hr/>
		\$610 00

Amount recommended to be raised and
appropriated for Supt.'s salary and ex-
penses of administration \$100 00

SUMMARY

Amount required for support of elementary
schools, estimate of \$5 tax on inventory \$2,525 00

Amount required for payment of statutory obligations	\$610 00
Amount recommended for superintendent's salary and expenses of administration	\$100 00
<hr/>	
Total amount to be assessed for fiscal year September 1, 1921 to August 31, 1922	\$3,235 00

ARTHUR F. STEARNS,
GEORGE D. KITTREDGE,
EMILY C. A. STARRETT,
School Board.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD
For the Year Ending Aug. 31, 1920.

Dr.

Balance in treasury Sept. 1, 1919 \$	1 97	
Received from town	3,620 15	
	<hr/>	\$3,622 12
Balance due from Town		18 40
		<hr/>
		\$3,640 52

Cr.

Paying orders for spring 1919	\$ 78 83	
Paying orders of S. B. for year ending Aug. 31, 1920	\$3,561 69	
	<hr/>	\$3,640 52

J. M. GLEASON,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board of Mont Vernon:

I herewith submit my second annual report, the same being the fourth in the series of such reports.

Organization of Supervisory Union No. 40

The grouping of districts remains the same as last year with apportionment of joint expenses arranged as follows: Amherst one-fourth, Brookline one-sixth, Milford one-half and Mont Vernon one-twelfth.

Teachers and Instruction

An entire change in the teaching force was made for this year. Miss E. Vivian Scott of Northwood Narrows, a graduate of Keene Normal School, succeeded Miss Louise Barrett and has charge of 17 pupils in grades V, VI, VII, VIII, in the upper room at the village. Mrs. Helen Perry of Glover, Vermont, an experienced teacher with normal training has charge of 22 pupils in grades I, II, III, IV, in the lower room at the village, replacing Miss Florence Corliss. Miss Hazel M. Plummer of Derry, a graduate of Pinkerton Academy and Keene summer normal school has been assigned to the East school, where the enrollment has varied from two to seven. Miss Viola Jenkins had this school last year. The salary of teachers has advanced materially during the last year or two in all sections of the country. It is not likely that there will be any decrease and there should not be. Instead there must come a raising of the standards of qualification so that incompetent and untrained teachers, who have received, under stress and demand, more than they were worth, will be eliminated in favor of the best teacher material in the country. The raising of standards will occur when the profession is on a plane with other professions.

Proper instruction of pupils requires suitable teachers, books, apparatus and supplies. These we have in

reasonable amounts. It further requires a program of study. This we have in the State Program of Study as revised in 1916, and now again in the process of revision. This program is suggestive and not mandatory. It is intended to set forth "the results of the most modern thinking and experience of the country so far as that experience seems to have demonstrated principles utilizable under the conditions of New Hampshire schools."

In its preparation the teachers of the state were given full opportunity to express their ideas, and are always free to report any gaps or inconsistencies which may be found.

A common program of study helps greatly to promote equal opportunity throughout a state, especially since families frequently move from one locality to another.

It emphasizes the fundamental studies with the elimination of obsolete material and provides a definite place for other subjects which should not be neglected.

The thing of chief importance in the first three grades is reading for herein is the key to all the rest. Ability to read means more than ability to pronounce words. It means the recognition at sight of any common word, power to understand and reproduce with accuracy what is read, and a desire to read because reading is interesting.

In the acquisition of this power a great deal of history, geography, physiology or hygiene, nature, thrift and literature can be taught incidentally as there is a wealth of properly graded reading material which treats of such subjects.

Writing follows along daily with the reading and spelling likewise is begun in these first three grades.

Arithmetic here deals with learning the numbers and working to make simple combinations of them automatically mastered.

Music, drawing, plays and games have a place also

and serve a very useful purpose for the application and practice of the more fundamental studies mentioned above.

In the middle grades geography, language and grammar, spelling, history and civics are made more formal with constant practice in writing and reading afforded through these subjects. Arithmetic is extended and drills given to fix in mind the harder combinations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Drawing, music, nature, current events, thrift, hygiene and plays and games all find a place here but do not need to be given full time each day of the week.

It is during these middle years of a child's life that memory functions best and so in the middle grades stress is laid on drill work to master those things which need to become automatically available in after years.

In the two upper years, or grades VII and VIII, the program calls for a junior high organization where feasible. Such a plan does not fit in the smaller towns with only a very few enrolled in the upper grades. Instead it becomes necessary to arrange the work so that pupils will be ready to enter high school. Accordingly the studies given are American history and civics, arithmetic, geography, and English, together with the music, drawing, hygiene, nature, thrift and current events which all the pupils have as explained above.

In history and civics grade VII begins with pre-revolutionary times and continues to about the year 1800. Grade VIII continues the subject down to the present day. History and civics are taught together.

In arithmetic, problems and examples are given to review the previous work in mathematics and to extend the study into those subjects not covered before. The main thing is to see that the fundamentals learned in previous years continue to be usable by using them. Any point that is forgotten should be relearned, but there are many things in advanced arithmetic that are rarely

if ever used in every day life and it is a waste of time to try to master them.

In geography some difficulty is experienced because most high schools expect pupils who enter to have had elementary science. For this reason it is necessary to emphasize the physical and economic and commercial side of geography as in this way elementary science can be touched upon. This is feasible, however, as the important facts of political geography can be learned in the middle grades and constantly reviewed through the study of history or any other study as occasions arise.

By English is meant the application of reading, writing, spelling, language, grammar, oral and written composition to all work with special instruction whenever a deficiency is shown. And a definite place should be provided for literature as such.

In every study in every year no pupil should be allowed to do less than his best work with respect to neatness, penmanship and use of the English language. Insistence on this will reveal the weak spots and provides the best instruction possible because it makes such instruction function.

But teachers, books, apparatus, supplies, and a program of study are not all. There must be active cooperation of pupils, parents, teachers, superintendent, school board and citizens if best results are to be obtained.

Attendance

Such matters as regular attendance and punctuality count for far more than is suspected. Last year's record of 300 tardinesses is far in excess of reason, while the per cent of attendance (85 per cent) is much too low. These two things alone are enough to account for failure of promotion. It is the good of the child and not that of some one else that the attendance law considers.

Transportation and Consolidation

This item is a costly one all over the State, but con-

sidered from the transporter's point of view the amounts paid are justifiable. The alternative of opening more schools in Mont Vernon is hardly admissable in view of the small number of children in town and the present condition of teacher supply. A more logical plan from a business and educational point of view would be to combine transportation routes and convey all pupils to the village two room building. Children in a small school of few pupils lose the competitive interest and better instruction possible in a larger group where grades may be separated and teachers assigned to that group for which they are best fitted by nature and training.

Noon supervision is essential when several children take their lunches to school. This has been provided by having the teachers take turns in remaining at school during the noon hour. During the cold weather a hot dish has been prepared and served each noon to the enjoyment and benefit of all. A little more equipment, however, would make this feature still better.

Physical Welfare

Physical examination of all pupils is now made twice a year. Notices of defects found are sent to parents as required by statute. Such notices must be sent even if parents know the facts and are having treatment given. Remedial measures have been undertaken by many parents and good results are already noticeable both in physique and scholarship. More remains to be done, however, as the report of the School Physician, which follows this report, indicates.

The recent draft for the war showed glaring physical defects among our American people. A great deal can be done to correct and prevent this condition by regular systematic instruction and practice. To this end physical exercises are being given to all pupils regularly. In suitable weather this takes place out of doors, where conditions are best. At other times the school-

rooms are used, with windows opened for fresh air. The pupils often act as leaders.

Accounting System

School districts that are candidates for state aid are required to use prescribed accounting forms. These have been purchased for Mont Vernon and will last several years before requiring renewal. Under this system all checks are signed by the School Board and forwarded to the District Treasurer before being sent out. The Treasurer enters each item on his book before making payments. Occasion need never arise therefore for delay in payments, or for shortage of funds as the Treasurer always knows in advance the amount required.

Costs

A study of the amount of money needed for schools indicates clearly that Mont Vernon can not support "standard schools" as prescribed by law on a tax of \$3.50 per \$1000 of inventory, which is the minimum that may be raised. Neither does a \$5 tax furnish enough money for this purpose, but as the State Equalization Fund is designed to assist such school districts as are unable to support "standard schools" on a \$5 tax, this amount at least should be raised. Under the heading "support of standard elementary schools" certain items may not be included for the purpose of determining state aid. Such items are in the way of statutory requirements or additional sums, and include salaries of district officers, \$2 per capita tax on pupils registered and administrative expenses. These are assessed separately. The budget as printed in the report of the school board conforms to the groupings explained above.

What proportion of all the money expended by a town should be for school purposes? The answer is found in part by studying the actual figures of towns throughout the State. These indicate that one third of all public money is not too much to spend for schools. Some towns

spend even more with the idea that the children shall have every advantage that can be provided. Mont Vernon seems to be below this percentage, which indicates that schools are not receiving an undue part of the public money. The cost of schools has risen less than the cost of the common things which all of us use in everyday life. While the cost of such articles will probably drop somewhat, the cost of schools will not decrease correspondingly because of salaries which have lagged behind for so long and now are scarcely catching up.

It is wise policy to spend every cent possible for the improvement of instruction for boys and girls. Events which are daily occurring in these troublous after-war times point out most clearly that the hope for America lies in this direction. **Our expenditures are an investment in Americanism.**

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD C. BALES,
Superintendent of Schools.

February 28, 1921.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Amherst, N. H., Feb. 7, 1921.

To the School Board of Mont Vernon:

I herewith submit my first report of physical examination of the Mont Vernon schools. This subject is by far the most important matter connected with education today as can be seen from the physical examinations carried on in our connection with the war. Let me report from one examination in Massachusetts (Milton) that out of the entire number examined 47 per cent were found with conditions which would in time render them physically unfit to enter military training. These conditions can be greatly corrected if taken care of during school life.

In the following table as compiled by Miss Charlotte Smith, School Nurse, you will note the number of unnecessary ailments that can be taken care of if followed up by her.

Number pupils examined	30
Teachers examined	3
Un-vaccinated	16
Nervous Disease	1
Defective Vision	3
Anemia	2
Pediculosis	1
Enlarged Tonsils	5
Enlarged Glands	3

It is most gratifying in my own connection with the children of the town to see the number of cases that have been cared for (I report in particular teeth and tonsils.) On my next examination I will undoubtedly find cases treated also that do not come under my care in the homes.

As medical inspector of the buildings I am glad to report a great change in the lighting of the schools as compared with the old method. This was a great necessity.

One point I would like to bring out is the cooperation of the parent and School Nurse. This is very necessary in order to get results in the follow up examinations by her, which I would advise being done frequently.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR BURNS, M. D.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR 1919-20

Number of schools maintained	3
Number of different pupils registered during year:	
Boys 22, girls 29, total	51
Average number of days schools were actually in session	165
Average daily attendance	30.83
Number of weeks in school year	36
Enrollment by grades: I-14; II-2; III-5; IV-10; V-5; VI-3; VII-6; VII-6	
Per cent of attendance for year	85.69
Number of cases of tardiness	300
Average salary of teachers	\$516
Number of visits by school board members	15
Number of visits by Superintendent	31
Number of visits by citizens	78

RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS SEPT. 1920

Number of children 5 to 16 years: boys 21, girls 24,	45
Total number of children in schools	36
Number attending high or other schools	7

NAMES OF PUPILS FROM MONT VERNON ATTENDING POST-ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS 1920-21

At Amherst High: Clinton Averill, Lena Averill, Barbara Hall.

At Milford High: Mildred Coggin, Ella Fox, Everett Trow, Marjorie Grant.

At Stearns School: Walter Peterson, Edward Milne.

At New Hampshire College: Leonard Trow, Arthur Trow.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1919-1920

One Term: Elizabeth Kittredge, Bertha Reaume, Dorothy Wilson.

Two Terms: Laura Lozier, Margaret Tabbut

Three Terms: Keith Noble

Births Registered in the Town of Mont Vernon, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date and Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.		Name of father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
		Sex	Condition						
March 5, Mont Vernon	Helen Eugenia	F	L	3 Ray E. Pomeroy	Lila H. Trow	Sloughton, Mass.	Teacher	Lewiston, Me.	Mont Vernon
July 23, "	Violet	F	L	4 Harold Wilkins	Violet Bates	Amherst	Mill Owner	Amherst	Saratoga Sp., N. Y.
Oct. 11, "	Marjorie Helen	F	L	4 Herbert Noble	Emma Alexander	Mont Vernon	Supt. Farmer	Pittsfield, Me.	Amherst

Marriages Registered in the Town of Mont Vernon, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date and Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation	Marriage	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
		g	bride						
June 2, Bellows Falls	Edwin L. Cheney	No. Camb'e, Ms	Retired	Bradford	Lyman Cheney Achsa Twiss	Bradford Newbury		2	John L. Clark Baptist Clergyman
	Harriett A. Mac Crillis	Mont Vernon	64	Corinth	Albert B. Mac Crillis Harriet E. Cummings	Corinth Hancock		1	
Dec. 23, Peterboro	Joseph M. Taylor	Peterboro	23	Gardner Mass	Ennis S. Taylor Mary Russell	Canada Bellows Falls, Vt.	Fireman Housewife	1	Ernest W. Eldridge Clergyman
	Abby Carlton	Mont Vernon	18	Mont Vernon	Joseph G. Carlton Minnie Spaulding	Mont Vernon Milford	Farmer Housewife	1	
Dec. 29, Amherst	Edward A. Long	"	20	South Lyndebero	George A. Long Lizzie Bell	Mont Vernon Lyndebero	Blacksmith Housewife	1	Franklin H. Reeves Clergyman
	Dorothy B. Tower	New Boston	16	New Boston	Frank Tower Lucy Butterfield	N. B. New Boston	Farmer Housewife	1	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Mont Vernon, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of deceased.	Age.			Sex	Occupation	Place of birth		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
		Years.	Months.				Father.	Mother.		
			Days							
Jan. 2, Mont. Vernon	Nelson B. Carrow	68	10	17	M	Farmer	Canada	Yarmouth, N. S.	Peter Carrow	Agnes Burrow
Feb. 12, Lyndeboro	Charles W. Blood	57	10	5	M	Laborer	Merrimack	Bedford	George A. Blood	Rice Butterfield
Mar. 5, Mont. Vernon	Arthur R. Douglas	21	10	8	M	Farmer's Helper	Mont Vernon	Canada	Oscar Douglas	Rose M. Raymond
Mar. 10, Mont. Vernon	Joseph Ferguson	69	8	17	M	Railroad Man	Lyndeboro Vt.	St Albans, Vt.	Pascal Ferguson	Alma
Mar. 21, Nashua	John W. Follansbee	61	6	1	M	Farmer's Helper	Londonderry	Rudsoy	John Follansbee	Mary Nichols
June 12, Mont. Vernon	Howard F. Wallace	55	7	21	M	Housewife	Manchester	Amherst	Miles E. Wallace	Alice R. Blood
July 2, Mont. Vernon	Matilda B. Raymond	77	5	2	F	Housewife	Unknown	Crafton	Charles Pillsbury	Lourna Clifford
July 17, Manchester	Abbie A. Woods	59	2	24	F	Retired	Wilton	Concord	Asa W. Richardson	Plumia Armstror
July 31, Nashua	Israel Burnham	82	8		M	Retired	Manchester	Amherst	Andrew Burnham	Martha Hutchinson
Sept. 30, Mont. Vernon	Harry P. Wallace	7	3	11	M	In School	Lyndeboro	Lyndeboro	Miles E. Wallace	Alice R. Blood
Nov. 17, Mont. Vernon	George F. Holt	61	3	11	M	Carpenter	Lyndeboro	Lyndeboro	Stephen D. Holt	Joanna Hadley
Dec. 8, Milford	Nancy K. Stevens	88	9		F	At Home	Mont Vernon	Mont Vernon	Iosiah Kittredge	Betsey Batchelder
Dec. 24, Mont. Vernon	Della S. Day	75			F	At Home	Templeton, Mass.	Templeton, Mass.	Benjamin	Turner

